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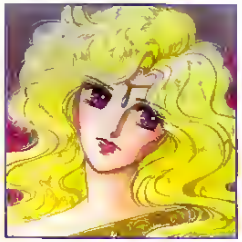

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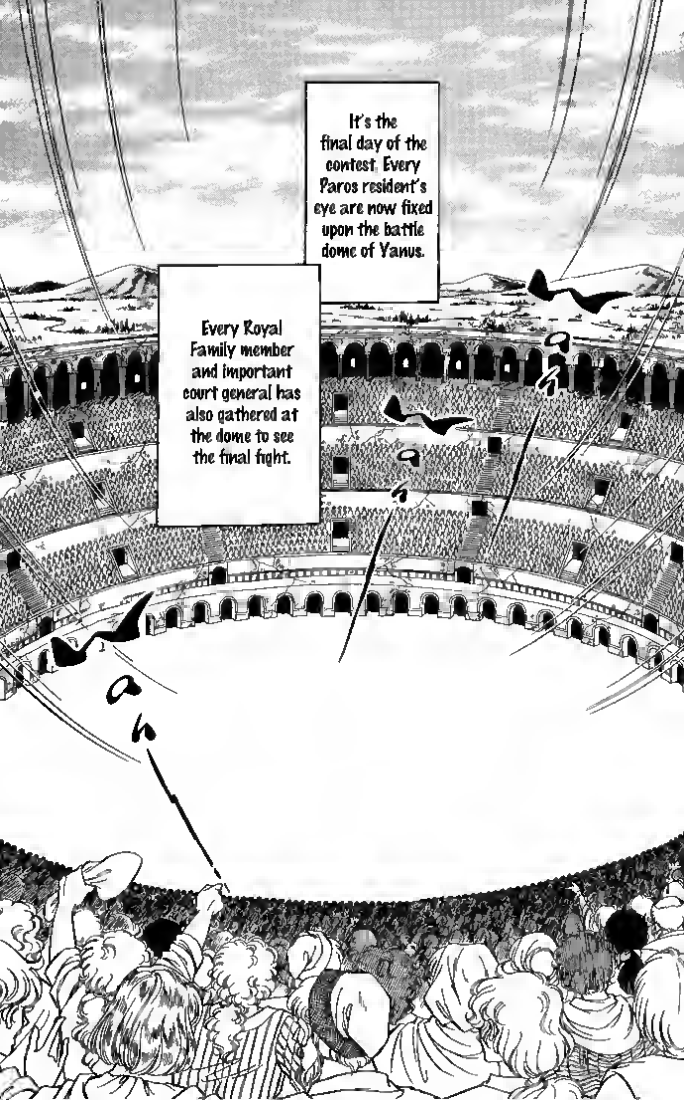
The true knight of Paros is
someone who's a man and a woman at the same time.
And the one who will lead Paros to its destruction is neither a man nor woman..

And so,
the one who
can win the
heart of
Erminia,
Goddess of
Glory and
Lightning,
is—


It's the final day of the contest. Every Paros resident's eye are now fixed upon the battle dome of Yanus.
Every Royal Family member and important court general has also gathered at the dome to see the final fight.
Ah

GFF.
OH.
MAY YOUR HAPPINESS BE ETERNAL MY PRINCESS
SO I'LL HAVE TO RECEIVE A ROSE FROM ALL 25 FINALISTS .!?
WHO THOUGHT OF THIS SILLY IDEA!?
Tah-Dah

swoosh
Yurias...

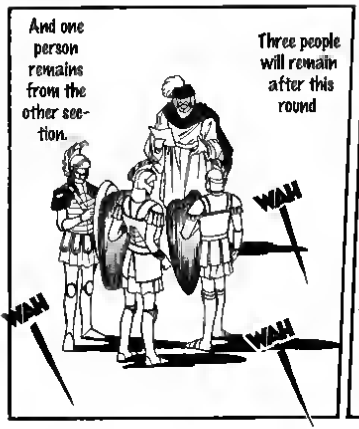
ERMINIA.
I'M NOT GIVING YOU TO ANY OTHER MAN.
AND I WILL NO LONGER LOSE TO YOU EITHER.
MY BEST WISHES TO ALL 25 BRAVES!
DO YOUR BEST AND FIGHT WELL!

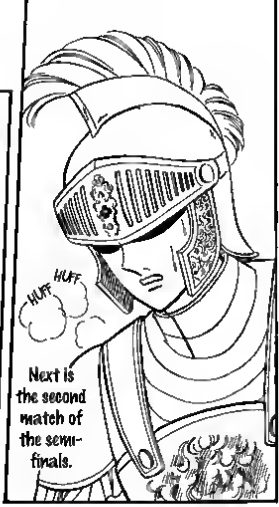
To-day ...
I bet my...
life and soul onto this day!
USE THAT SWORD AND EVERYTHING'LL BE ALL RIGHT
E-ERMINIA, REMEMBER WELL ...
Hmm

WAHH!
CLANG
YURIAS-SAMA!
KYAA! YURIAS-SAMA ENTERED THE SEMI-FINALS!
WWW
YURIA-S!
YURIA-S!
YURIA-S!

FINALLY, THE SEMI-FINALS WATCHING THOSE MATCHES,
I FEEL I'VE GOTTEN TEN YEARS OLDER IN THE PAST THREE DAYS!
DON'T WORRY! AT THIS RATE IT'S NO LONGER A DREAM TO BE THE WINNER!
ERMINIA, I WILL WIN! I WILL SHOW YOU THAT I CAN WIN!

Clang
LORD YANUS IF THE POWER OF LOVE CAN LEND STRENGTH TO THIS SWORD BESTOW YOUR GLORY OF WINNING TO THIS HAND!
NUMBER TWELVE!!
Wah
LET DEATH FACE ME NOW!
IF I'M NOT WORTHY OF YOUR BLISS,


And one person remains from the other section.
Three people will remain after this round
WAH
WAH
WAH


HUFF
HUFF
Next is the second match of the semi-finals.

UNTIL THEN, PLEASE REST WELL IN YOUR ASSIGNED ROOMS
WAH
WAH
THE SECOND AND FINAL ROUND WILL START AT SUNSET

owner of Paros' martial school.
No. 158 is Fildes.

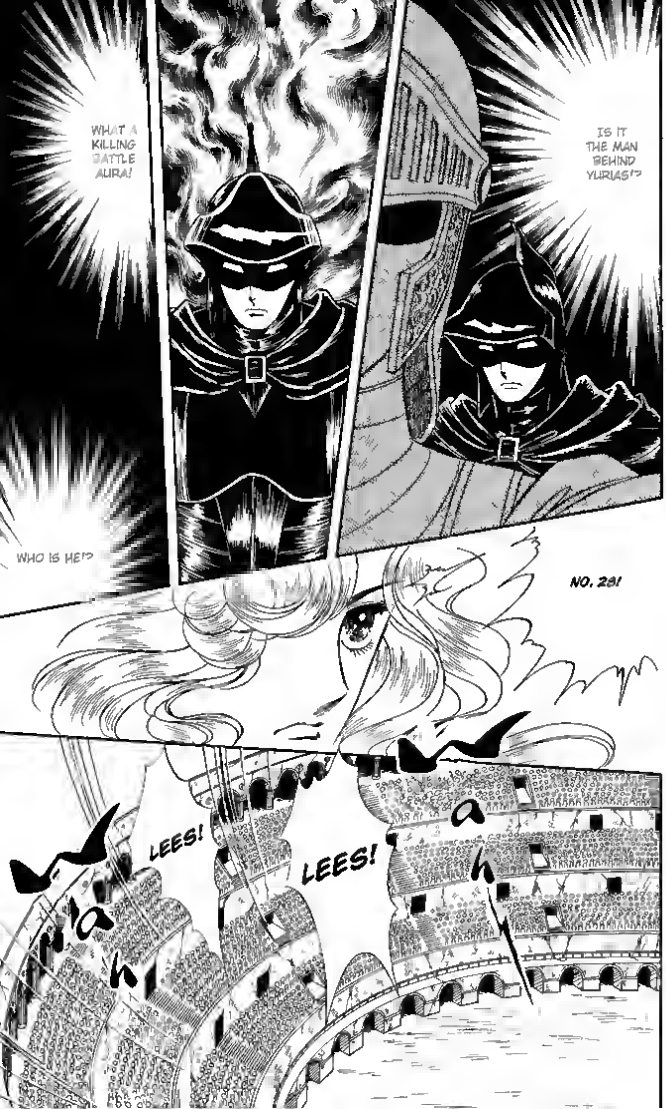
No 28, Captain Lees.
HUMPH

THERE'S NO LONGER ANYONE TO BE AFRAID OF
And ths rest are those who won at the other sections.
Yurias, you will win for sure.
AND I WILL FIGHT WITH YOU IN THE END WITHOUT USING UNCLE'S DIRTY TRICK...
FOR THE SAKE OF BEING THE BRAVEST KNIGHT OF PAROS, AND ON THE BEHALF OF THE THRONE!

I will go pick you up tomorrow
Fiona, you might hear the good news in that underground lightless kitchen...
No, I will be the one to go to you with your dress in my hands.
A servant will be at your place with high respect and a glamorous dress decorated with beautiful jewels
That's better. I can't wait to see your surprised face, Fiona..

Fiona... everything will end today, but everything will start from today. Also...
It's as if the short days we've spent together have become years...
And it feels like decades have passed since our last farewell.
This festival was held for your sake, and also for my own...!

Pa Pa Pa Pa
NOW THE SECOND ROUND OF THE SEMI-FINALS SHALL BEGIN!!
WE WILL RESUME THE CONTEST.
So Captain Lees and Fildes begin first..
NO. 25, NO. 15, QUICK DEATH MATCH!!
WAH WAH
Who's No. 31?
CLASH
And Yurias will fight against No. 31 during the 2nd round.


WHAT A KILLING BATTLE AURA!
IS IT THE MAN BEHIND YURIAS!?
WHO IS HE!?
NO. 28!
LEES!
LEES!
a
h
a
h

THERE'D BE NO MEANING TO THIS CONTEST IF YOU BECOME THE WINNER.
DON'T BE FOOLISH!
FATHER... YOUR DAUGHTER IS THE ONE WHO WILL WIN IN THE END.
... PHEW, WHAT A RELIEF. WHETHER THE WINNER IS YURIAS OR LEES I'LL BE GLAD EITHER WAY.
NO. 12, NO. 31!
Who is that man...?
I feel a strange pressure from him ...

I will leave my fate in Lord Yanus' hands.
I'm not fighting to make Erminia mine,
but to give her the freedom she's always wanted.
YURIA-S!
YURIA-S!

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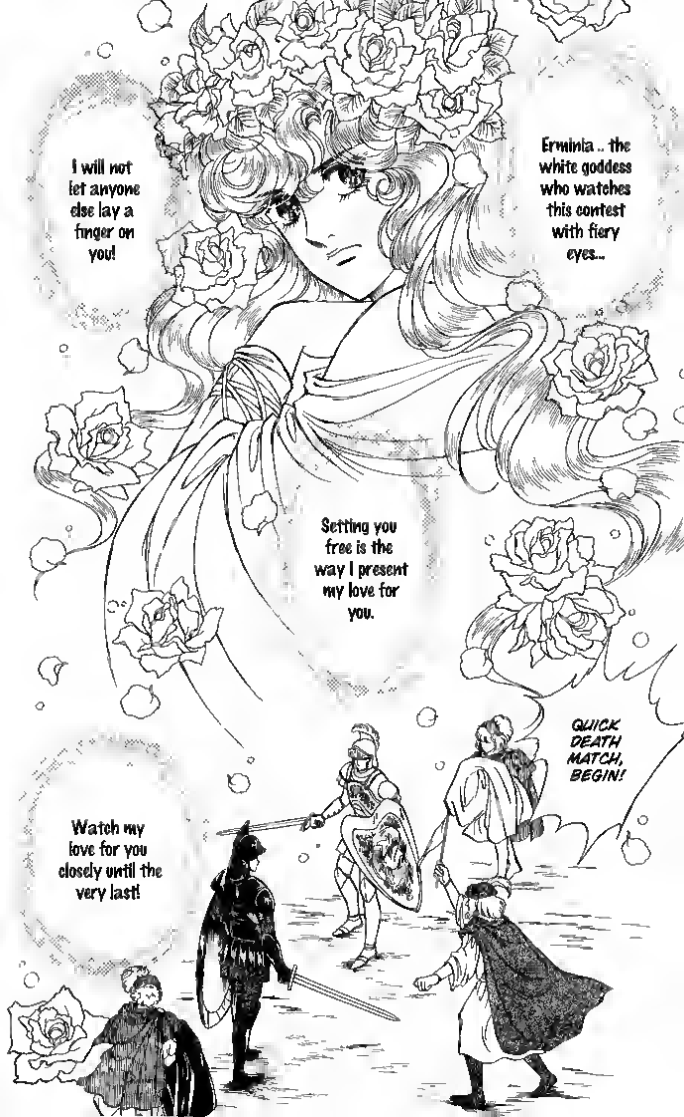
I will not let anyone else lay a finger on you!
Erminia .. the white goddess who watches this contest with fiery eyes...
Setting you free is the way I present my love for you.
QUICK DEATH MATCH, BEGIN!
Watch my love for you closely until the very last!

slash
!!
CLASH
HE'S STRONG!!

BLING
DODGE
slash

Yurias!?

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PLEASE CALM DOWN! DON'T BEHAVE SO IN FRONT OF ALL THE CITIZENS.
YURIAS IS!
LET ME GO! YURIAS IS...!
PRINCESS, YOU CANNOT!
YURIAS-SAMAAA!
HOW CRUEL!
YOU BASTARD!
GO AWAY, YOU DEVIL!

AH...
AH...
Wah!
Wah!
WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T YOU ANNOUNCE THE WINNER NOW?
N-NO...
TO SEE SUCH AN HONORABLE KNIGHT LIKE YURIAS-SAMA HURT SO
W-WHO IS THAT
AND WHAT A MESS HE'S MADE.
WHAT IF HE BECOMES THE WINNER?

PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T LET HIS INJURY BE TOO SEVERE!
HOW CAN THIS BE, YURIAS...!
THAT WAS SOME NAMELESS KNIGHT ANYWAY. THE POINT WILL BE MINE
THOUGH I FEEL SORRY FOR YURIAS THIS SURE IS A GOOD CHANCE
PONG
TIME TO LIGHT THE FIRE.
TIME TO LIGHT THE FIRE.

BOO
a h
THE FINAL MATCH SHALL START NOW!
QUICK DEATH MATCH, NOW BEGIN!
NO. 28, NO. 31,
LEES! LEES!
LEES!
LEES, LEES, GIVE THAT NAMELESS GUY A LESSON!

YOU WON'T BEAT ME SO EASILY LIKE YOU DID WITH YURIAS!
grin
CLASH
SWOOSH

MY... MY LOSS!
NO 31' FROM NOW ON ERMINIA SHALL BE YOUR OPPONENT!
STAND
TAKE MY REVENGE FOR YURIAS!
GET AWAY FROM ME! NOBODY CAN STOP ME NOW!

Waaah
LET ERMINIA-SAMA DO IT!
ERMINIA-SAMA!
DON'T STOP HER, REF!
JUST KICK THAT GUY'S ASS!
PRINC-ESS!
PRINCESS! PLEASE WAIT!
THE PREPA-RATION IS NOT YET

PLEASE DO NOT WORRY, BROTHER. ERMINE SHALL WIN GRACEFULLY.
ALPHONSE... I FEEL THAT THIS ENTIRE EVENT WAS A MISTAKE TO HOLD IN THE FIRST PLACE...
How can it be that Yuriko and Lenis lost...?
DEFINITELY...
FIGHT ME! YOU BLACK KNIGHT!

EVEN IF YOU SAY YOU'RE TIRED I'M NOT LETTING YOU OFF!
WE DON'T NEED THE REF OR ANY PREPARATIONS! OR ARE YOU AFRAID NOW?
LET'S START, PRINCESS ERMINIA.
NO...
Heh
Heh

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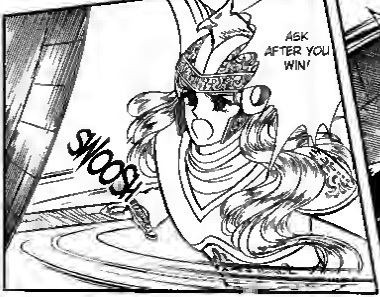
COME! HOW DARE YOU HURT YURIAS SO!?
THE MATCH WAS FAIR.
OR DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING UNLAWFUL ABOUT MY FIGHTING STYLE...?
This guy!!
SHUT UP!
STOP BLABBING AND COME NOW!
BLUSH
WHAT AN IMPULSIVE PRINCESS, TO THE CONTRARY OF THAT BEAUTY.
MY SWORD IS JUST IS ROUGH!
DASH
I'M COMING!

DON'T TELL ME IT WAS ALL A FALSE-HOOD?
THE PROMISE IN FRONT OF YAHWE... THAT THE PRINCESS WILL BE MINE IF I WIN THIS MATCH...


ASK AFTER YOU WIN!
SWOOSH

THIS GUY IS GOOD
CLASH

SLASH

CLANG
CLASH
CLANG
Clang
AMAZING...!!
EVEN THAT KNIGHT WHO BEAT TWO OF OUR STRONGEST KNIGHTS EASILY IS HAVING A HARD TIME!
ERMINIA-SAMA IS REALLY AWESOME!
MY GOD!

CLASH
Ep!
CLASH
CLASH
HUFF
HUFF
BANG

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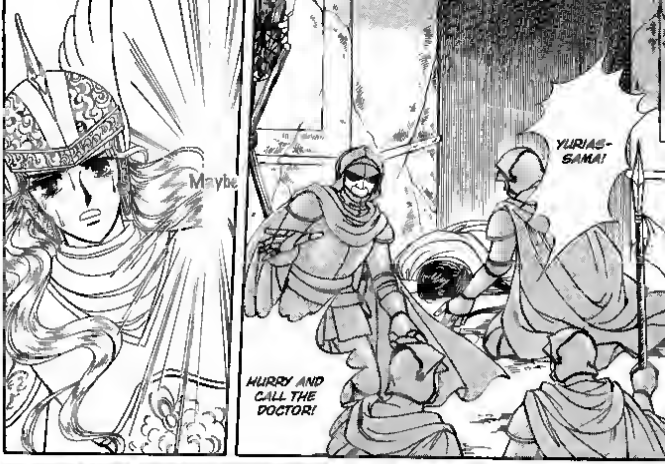
Y-YURIAS-SAMA!?
YOU MUST NOT!
YOU MUST GET SOME MORE REST!
DON'T TOUCH ME!

CLASH!
CLANG!
THAT GUY IS...
NOT SOMEONE ERMINIA CAN DEFEAT!
THE LEVEL'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT... LIKE AN ADULT VERSUS A CHILD
I KNOW WELL BECAUSE I'VE TRAINED WITH HER EVER SINCE WE WERE YOUNG.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

THE MUSCLE POWER...
SWOOSH
YOU...!!
THE BUILD... AND THE ENDURANCE...
THEY'RE TOO DIFFERENT
CLASH
IT'S A SINGLE-SIDED ATTACK FROM THE PRINCESS'S SIDE!
H-HOWEVER, PLEASE LOOK!

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
HUFF
HUFF
YURIAS-SAMA!
FALL
HE COULD EASILY DEFEAT ERMINIA IN ONE HIT, YET...
OR IS HE JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH HER!?



Since the beginning, I knew my endurance was below his.
That's why I wanted to finish this quick and..
This guy is stronger than anyone I've encountered before..?

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YURIAS!
FIONA!
shake
Heh

EVEN MY THIN SWORD FEELS HEAVY. HOWEVER...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOSE THIS FIGHT!

Even if I lose all my power because of it!
I'll finish it with one last blow!
Ahhhh!
slap

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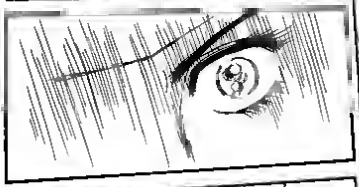

ERMINIA-SAMA!
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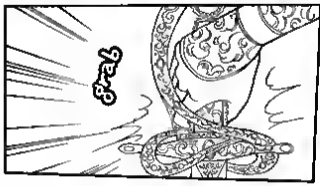
KYAA...
ERMINIA!
USE THAT SWORD!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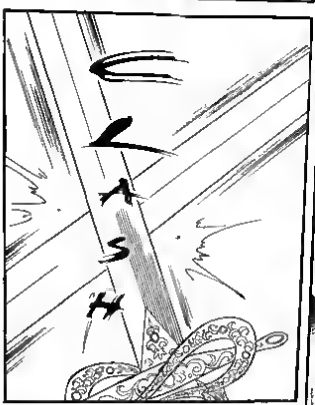
SLASH

A SWORD!?

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I CAN STILL FIGHT!
WHAT A STRONG PRINCESS
Heh heh heh
As if the sword is a part of me.
This comfortable weight..!
NOW I SHALL CUT DOWN THAT MASK OF YOURS!
YOU BLACK DEVIL!
SWING

HEH, HEH, HEH. YES THAT'S IT, KEEP IT COMING...
IF YOU WANT TO TEASE ME, GO AHEAD.
I SHALL DEFEAT YOU EVEN IF I HAVE TO TOSS AWAY MY PRIDE!
chatter chatter
KING...? WHAT'S WRONG?
YOUR HIGHNESS...?

ERMINIA...
CLASH

AH...
ERR..

F-FATHER
SO YOU'RE DISTRACTED, PRINCESS!
I-IT'S NOT TIME FOR SUCH ACTS, FATHER'S CONDITION IS...
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS MATCH

LET ME GO!
HEY! SHUT UP!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
FATHER!
PRINCESS ERMINIA!
SHAKE
SHAKE
PRINCESS
KING IS
FATHER...!?

MURMER
MURMER
WILL THAT MAN REALLY BECOME THE FUTURE KING OF PARO?
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE KING?
WHO IS THAT GUY ANYWAY?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MATCH?
HUSBAND!? WHAT THE!
BRMINIA! YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE FAMILY NAME OF YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND?
WAIT! SEE MY FACE FIRST BEFORE YOU GO
LET GO OF ME! I MUST GO TO FATHER!
ALL THE KNIGHTS ARE GATHERING!
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON!?
CHATTER
SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING HAPPENED AT THE ROYAL BOX!

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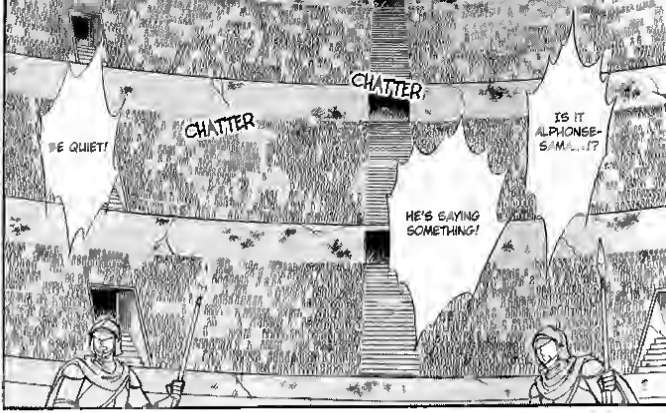
THE NAME OF PARO'S FUTURE GROOM IS ..
FAON, THE THIRD PRINCE OF CALOS
MY PLEASURE TO BE BE-STOWED OF SUCH HONOR.
THAT'S A TRAP!
I walked into the trap set by uncle... and this black man!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SOMEBODY EXPLAIN!
BE QUIET!
ANYONE LEAVES THIS BATTLE ARENA NOW SHALL BE PUNISHED!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE KING?
IS THAT BLACK MAN THE WINNER!?
EXPLAIN!
GIVE US AN EXPLANATION NOW!
WE DON'T KNOW EITHER!
FOR NOW JUST CALM DOWN!

Why
!?
Father..
LISTEN TO
ME, LOYAL
CITIZENS
OF PARO!


CHATTER
CHATTER
BE QUIET!
IS IT ALPHONSE-SAMA...!?
HE'S SAYING SOMETHING!

EVERYTHING SHALL NOW REST IN PEACE AT THE HEART OF YANUS
I MUST ANNOUNCE SAD NEWS... MY BROTHER, ALDROSE THE FIRST HAS JUST BEEN SUMMONED BY THE GOD OF YANUS

How am I supposed to accept this sudden death..?
Father, at least.. at least speak a word to this Erminia..

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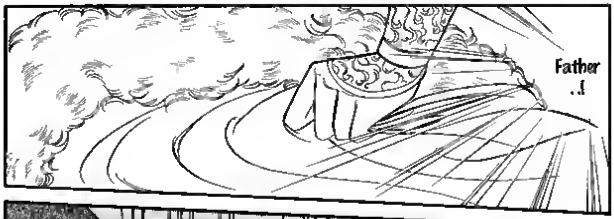

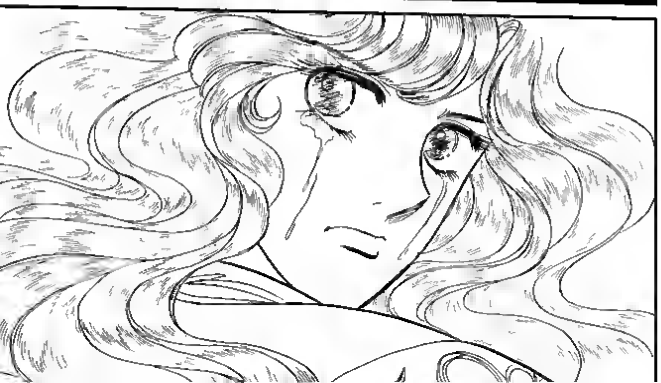

LISTEN WELL, CITIZENS OF PARO!
ERMINIA IS THE ONE WHO MURDERED THE KING AND IS ON HER WAY TO DESTROY THE COUNTRY OF PARO!
EVERY OCCURRENCE IS DUE TO THIS SINFUL WOMAN, WHO WAS CURSED BY YANUS!
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
ALPHONSE...!!

NOW APOLOGIZE TO THE PEOPLE OF PARO AND ME!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE TELLING ANY JOKES, UNCLE!
HOW CAN YOU SPEAK OF SUCH NONSENSE IN FRONT OF THE CITIZENS WITHOUT THINKING?
THAT'S CORRECT. WE CANNOT OVERLOOK WHAT YOU JUST SAID NOW, BARON
THE SWORD ERMINIA IS HOLDING SHALL BE THE BEST PROOF TO WHAT I'VE JUST SAID
WITHOUT THINKING, YOU SAY?
THAT SWORD IS IN FACT THE SWORD OF PAROS

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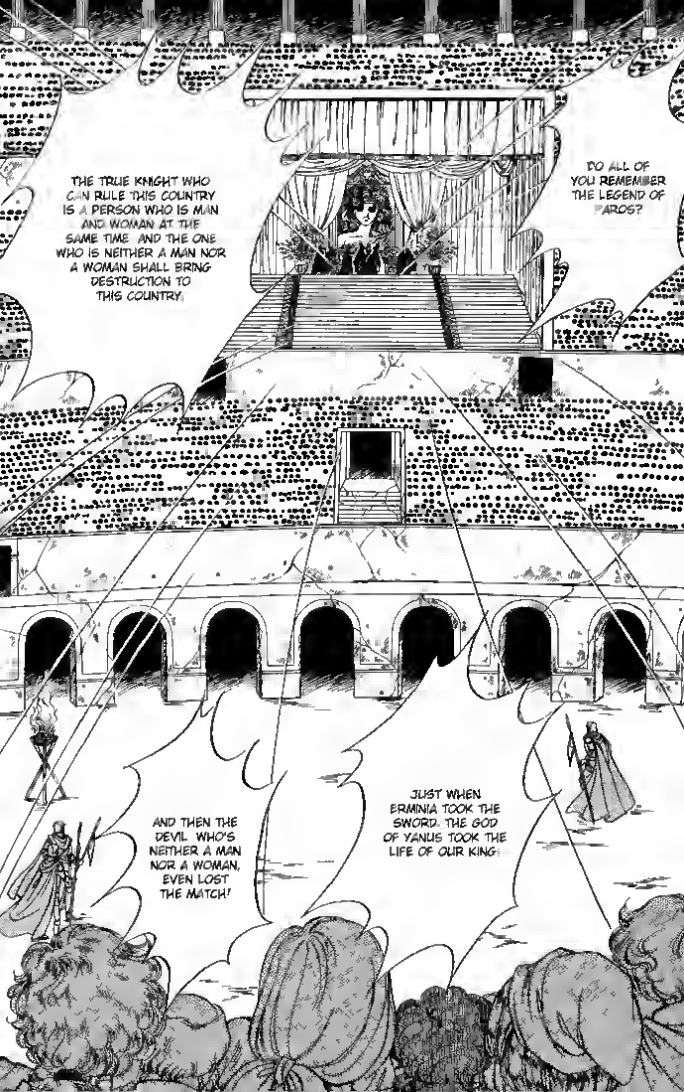
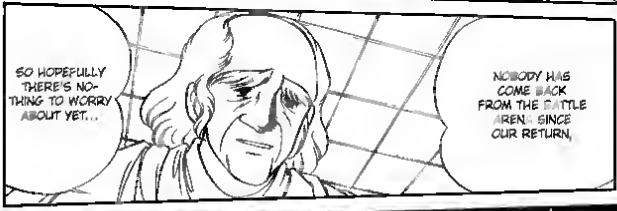
THIS IS...
THIS IS THE
SWORD OF
P.ROS!

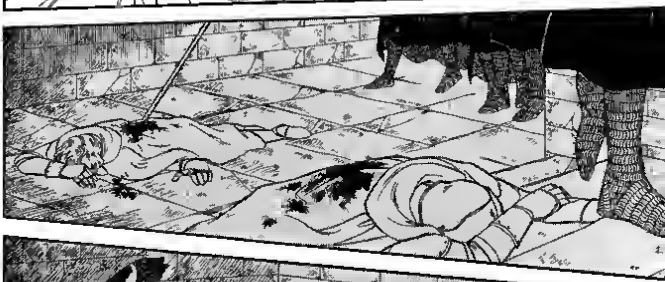

THE TRUE KNIGHT WHO CAN RULE THIS COUNTRY IS A PERSON WHO IS MAN AND WOMAN AT THE SAME TIME. AND THE ONE WHO IS NEITHER A MAN NOR A WOMAN SHALL BRING DESTRUCTION TO THIS COUNTRY.
DO ALL OF YOU REMEMBER THE LEGEND OF ARDS?
AND THEN THE DEVIL WHO'S NEITHER A MAN NOR A WOMAN, EVEN LOST THE MATCH!
JUST WHEN ERMINIA TOOK THE SWORD, THE GOD OF YANUS TOOK THE LIFE OF OUR KING!

So the God of Yanus looked down upon me as I took the Sword of Paros!
dizzy
OH MY...
Ha ha
EVEN YOUR FAINT FACE IS BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS ERMINIA.
YOU'RE A WOMAN AFTER ALL. THE BEST WAY TO BE HAPPY IS TO TRUST YOURSELF INTO THE HANDS OF A STRONGER MAN

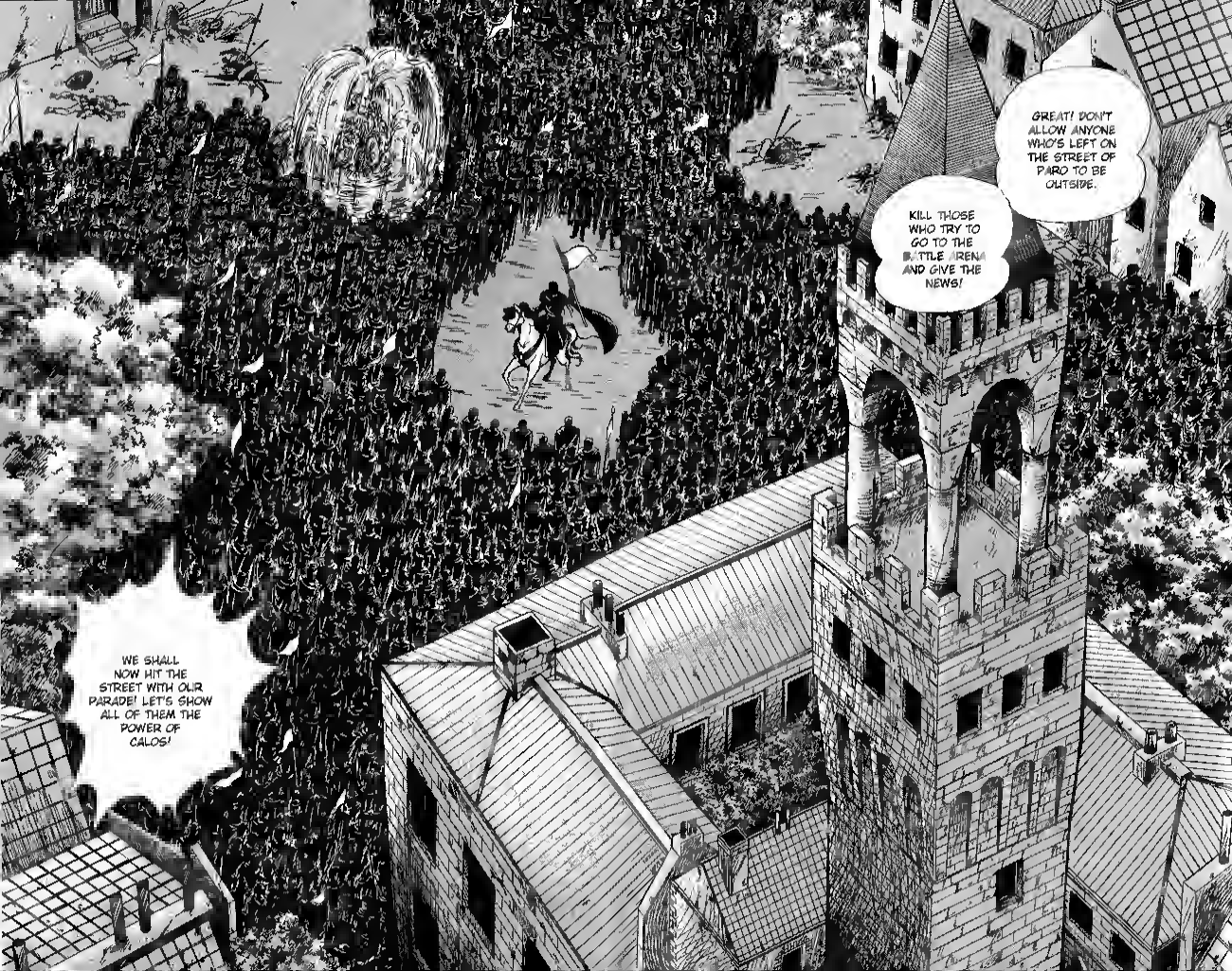
person who can no longer stand by herself.
Yurias... Y come and support me...
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING MYSELF IN YOUR HANDS
LET ME GO!
Yurias ...

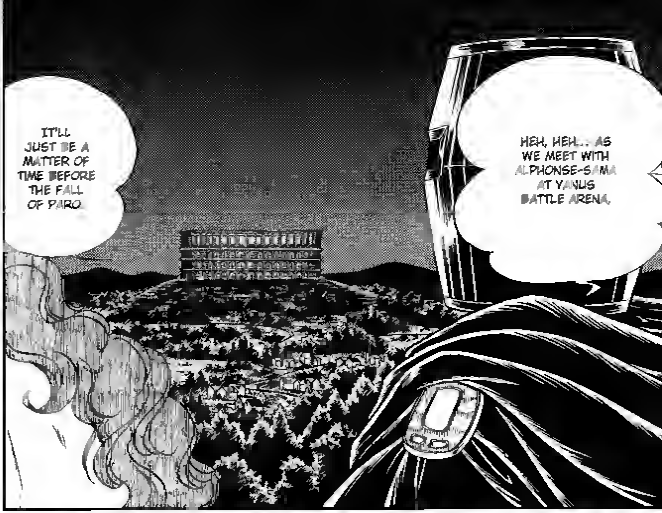
WHERE'S ERMINIA..?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MATCH..!?


SO HOPEFULLY THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT YET...
NOBODY HAS COME BACK FROM THE BATTLE ARENA SINCE OUR RETURN.



STEP
STEP
THE ENTIRE PALACE IS NOW UNDER OUR CONTROL!


WE SHALL NOW HIT THE STREET WITH OUR PARADE! LET'S SHOW ALL OF THEM THE POWER OF CALOS!
KILL THOSE WHO TRY TO GO TO THE BATTLE ARENA AND GIVE THE NEWS!
GREAT! DON'T ALLOW ANYONE WHO'S LEFT ON THE STREET OF PARO TO BE OUTSIDE.


IT'LL JUST BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE FALL OF PARO.
HEH, HEH... AS WE MEET WITH ALPHONSE-SAMA AT YANUS BATTLE ARENA.

ERMINIA...

ERMINIA IS... THE PALACE IS...
OHH
AT THIS RATE...
YURIAS-SAMA, YOU'VE GOT SUCH A HIGH FEVER...

Father.. ths daughter you've loved... is now on the verge of collapsing due to her sadness and anger..
Yurias..! Why aren't you here...!?

If you're among the audience of Paro, please show yourself.
Fiona, I miss you!
Ahhh, Fiona .. give me some comfort and strength...
What loneliness .. as if I was tossed out in the dark all alone.
YOU ALL MUST KNOW CITIZENS OF PARO!
Give me that loving look of yours and call me your prince...
THIS DEVIL'S ADVOCATE HAS ALWAYS REFUSED TO BE MARRIED TO A MAN WHILE CLAIMING HERSELF AS A MAN

AND DUE TO THAT REASON, SHE BECKONED TO MAKE ANOTHER WOMAN HER WIFE AND THUS STEPPED UPON THE FORBIDDEN ROAD.
The fact that my heart is that of a man's, and that I've given it all to Fiona...
I shall not regret my decision even if the truth is revealed!
EVEN WORSE, THIS DEVIL HAS FALLEN FOR A TAINTED KITCHEN MAID,
In spite of the current form, I've loved you with all my heart...
AND THUS HAS HELD THIS MATCH IN ORDER TO TAKE THAT LOW-LIFE IN AS A RIGHTFUL WIFE

THE PRINCESS, WHOM WE BELIEVED TO BE THE ONE AND ONLY BEING WHO COULD TAKE THE SWORD OF PARO'S INTO HER HANDS.
MURMUR
OUR BELOVED PRINCESS HAS ACTUALLY THOUGHT OF SUCH THINGS?
MURMUR
WHAT IS ALPHONSE-SAMA TRYING TO TELL US?
IS ACTUALLY THE KNIGHT WHO IS NEITHER A MAN NOR A WOMAN WHO WILL DESTROY THE FUTURE OF PARO...
THOUGH WE'VE ALREADY WORRIED OVER THE PRINCESS STRANGE BEHAVIORS...
Fiona, I shall never regret my love for you.
HE'S TALKING ABOUT FIONA I HEARD THAT THE PRINCESS REALLY TRIED TO MARRY HER!
OBVIOUSLY SHE'LL BE CURSED FOR SUCH ACTS.
YANUS, WHY HAVE YOU TAKEN AWAY THE LIFE OF FATHER!?

Why don't you punish me... who took the Sword of Paros into her hands!?
Why don't you take my life away instead!?
NOW TAKE A LOOK AT MY BELOVED BROTHER!
AT OUR KING'S FINAL MOMENT OF REGRET!
grab
flip

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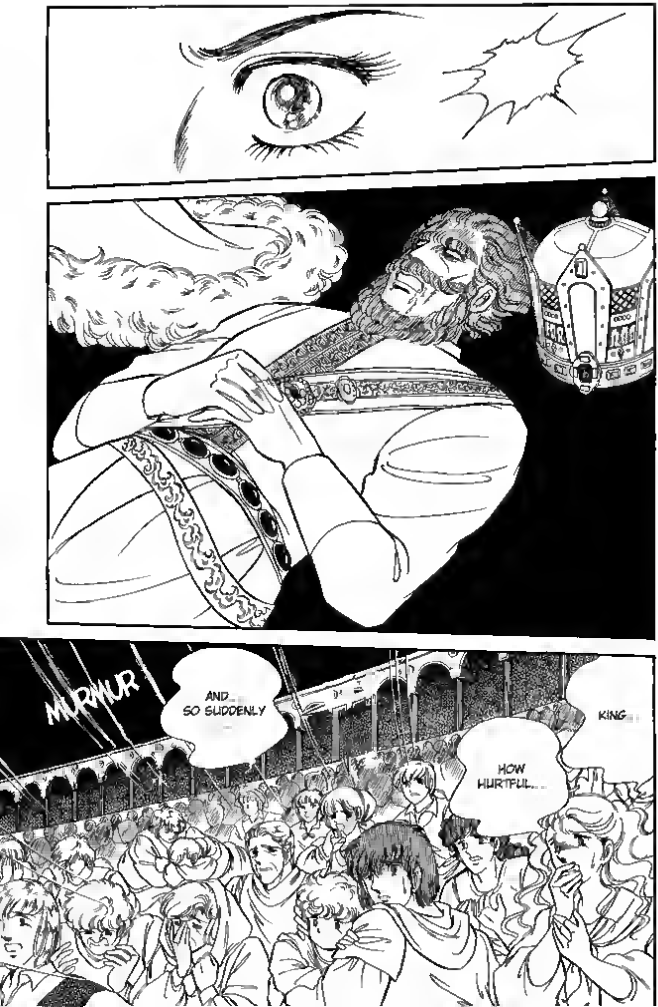

MURMUR
AND... SO SUDDENLY
KING...
HOW HURTFUL...

UNCLE! HOW CAN HE... HOW CAN HE TREAT FATHER LIKE AN OBJECT ON DISPLAY!?
THE LEGEND OF PAROS HAS REVIVED BECAUSE OF THIS DEVIL!
IN ORDER TO LEAD US TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS COUNTRY!
I SHALL NOT FORGIVE YOU, UNCLE!

TAKE THIS SWORD AND DESCEND TO HELL AS MY REPENTANCE FOR THE COUNTRY!
ALPHONSE! THE ONE WHO SHALL BE CURSED BY FARO!
DONG

AHEM
I WILL NOT LET YOU ESCAPE AGAIN FROM MY ARMS
HEH, HEH, HEH, MY BEAUTIFUL BRIDE ERMINIA.

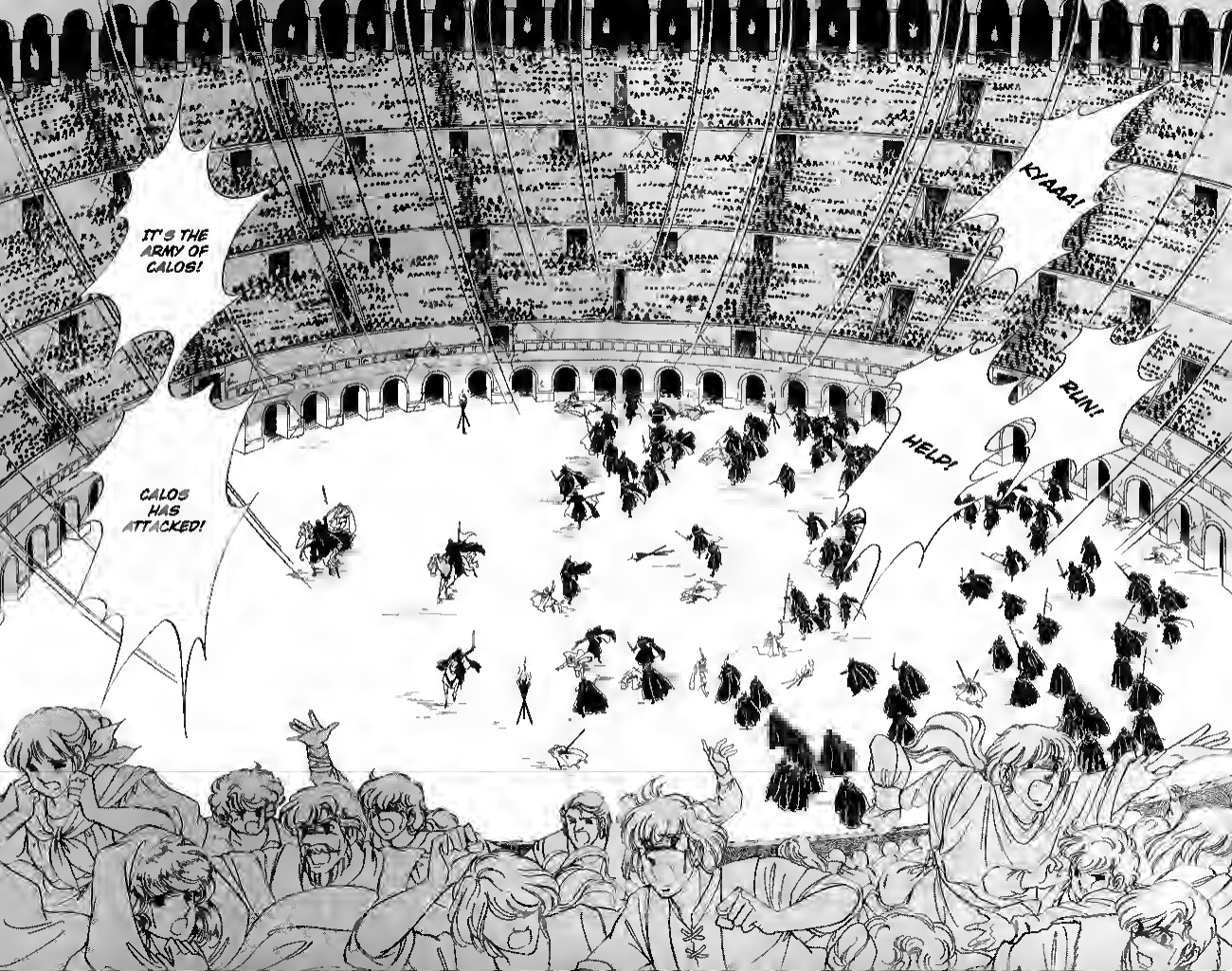
ALPHONSE-DONO, SUCH HARSH SPEECH SINCE EARLIER... AND WHO MIGHT THIS BLACK KNIGHT BE?
T-THAT'S CORRECT! EVEN IF ERMINIA-SAMA IS NOT THE ONE TO REIGN OVER THE COUNTRY OF PARO, YOU SHALL NOT REVEAL THE CORPSE OF THE KING SO RASHLY IN PUBLIC!
ARE YOU TRYING TO IGNORE ALL OF OUR WILL AND TAKE THE THRONE YOURSELF?
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY OF PARO IF YOU PROVOKE THE CITIZENS SO
TO PROTECT PARO?
heh heh
YOU THINK I'VE BEEN TALKING FOR THE SAKE OF PARO'S FUTURE?
drag

SERVANT!
STAB

AND SLAY THOSE WHO DARE TO OPPOSE!
TAKE OVER THE ARENA AT ONCE!
WOOH

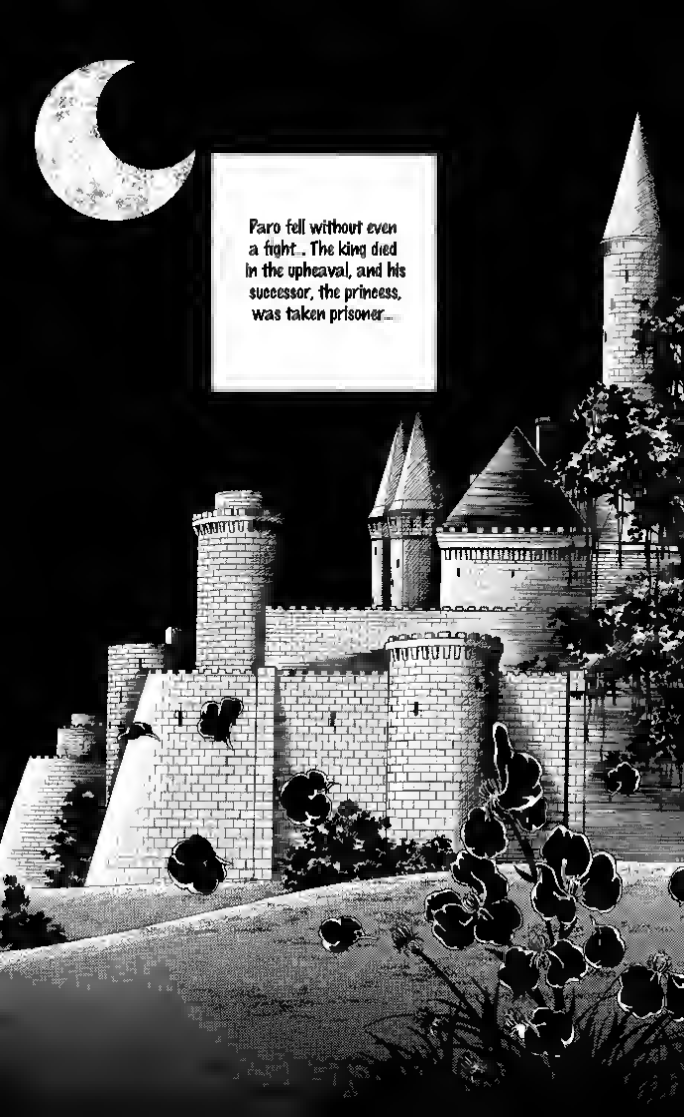
STAB
CALOS!?
tap
Aagh!
KEEP GOING!

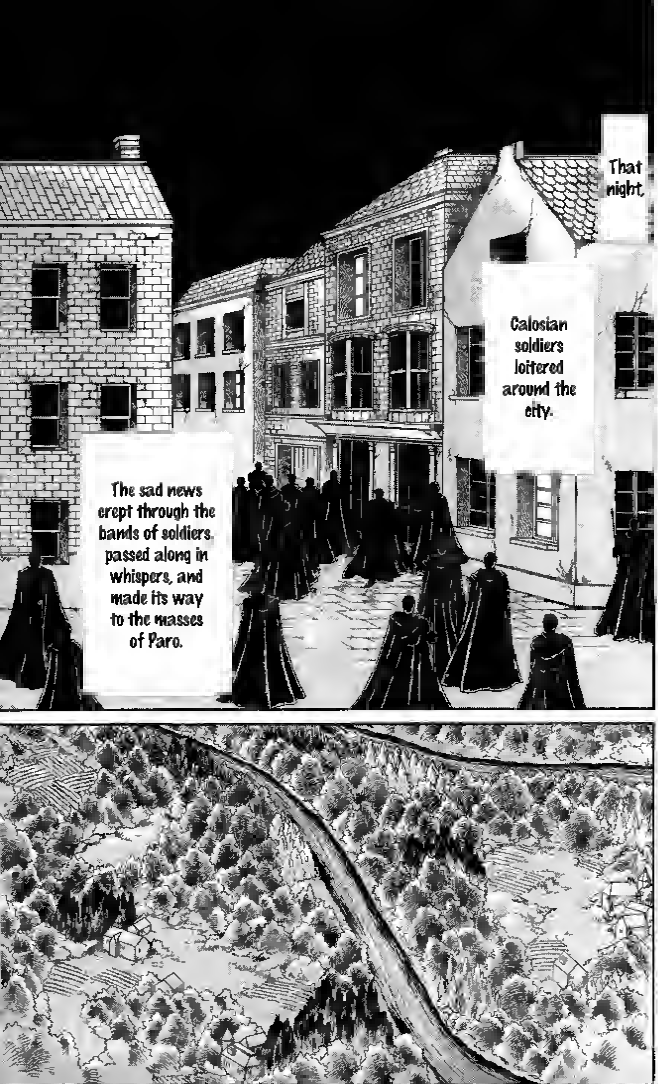
SO THEY'RE HERE...
TAT
TAT
TAT


IT'S THE ARMY OF CALOS!
CALOS HAS ATTACKED!
KYAAA!
RUN!
HELP!

FAON-SAMA, EVERY CORNER OF PARO
AND THE SURROUNDINGS OF THIS ARENA, ARE NOW FULL OF YOUR SERVANTS.

GOOD WORK.
LET'S HOLD THE FUNERAL OF THE KING AND MY WEDDING CEREMONY AT THE SAME TIME.
Ha ha ha ha
SO HER HEART AS A MAN SHALL BE ERASED COMPLETELY BY SADNESS.
Ha ha ha ha


Paro fell without even a fight... The king died in the upheaval, and his successor, the princess, was taken prisoner...


That night,
Calosian soldiers loitered around the city.
The sad news crept through the bands of soldiers, passed along in whispers, and made its way to the masses of Paro.

THE CENTER OF TOWN IS CRAWLING WITH CALOSIAN SOLDIERS.
BUT THEY WON'T GET TO A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE YET.
LET'S ARM OURSELVES BEFORE THEY ARRIVE!
WE MAY NOT HAVE ANY SOCIAL STANDING BUT WE'RE CITIZENS OF PARO TOO!

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THE IMPORTANT NOBILITY AND ROYALTY HAVE BEEN EXECUTED.
IT'S TIME FOR US TO CARRY OUT OUR DUTY AS FAITHFUL CITIZENS OF PARO!
SO WE'RE THE ONLY ONES NOW WHO CAN PROTECT PARO!
LET'S MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER VILLAGES
IT'S OUR ONLY OPTION!
SO LET'S FIGHT!
PARO WILL BE FOREVER SHAMED IF IT FALLS WITHOUT A FIGHT.
AND YOUR BABY SISTER
TOM, YOU PROTECT YOUR GRAND-PARENTS
THAT'S WHAT BEING A HERO'S REALLY ABOUT
I'LL FIGHT TOO!

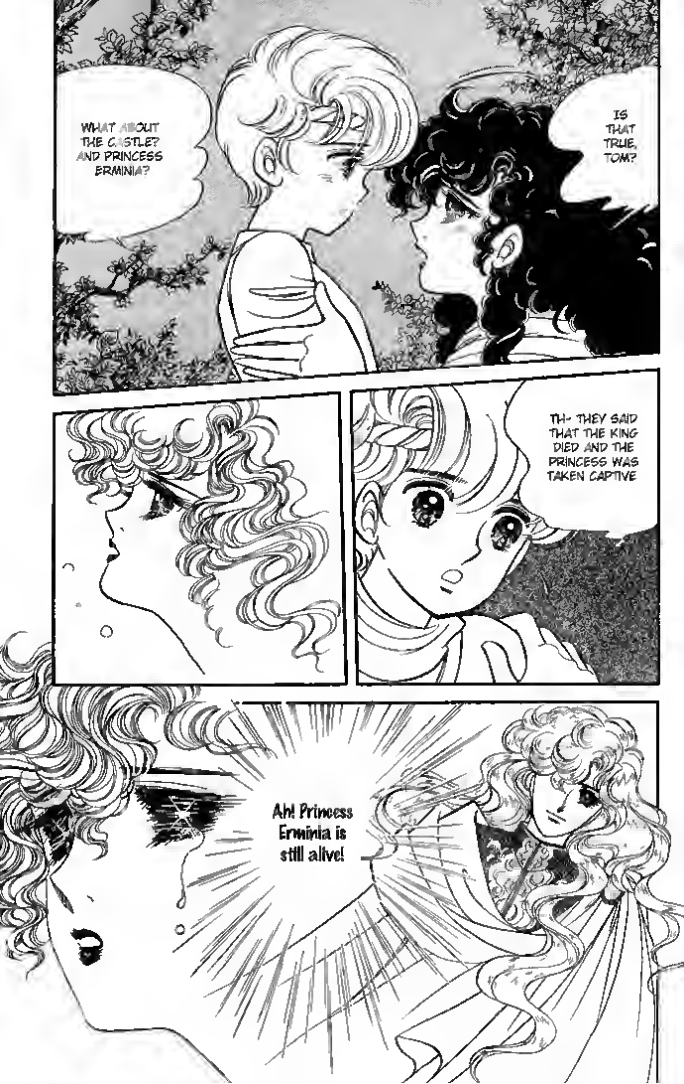
That's why we're ...
MUTTER MUTTER
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GO OUT AND FIGHT!
HMPH! MEN AREN'T SUPPOSED TO STAY AT HOME TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES!
LIIRA, PLEASE GO TO THE ENTRANCE AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND TOM
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S OUT SO LATE HE HASN'T EVEN HAD DINNER!
GRAMPS WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO LIIRA IF YOU SEND HER OUT ALL ON HER OWN?
BUT SHE'S NOT THAT SUICIDAL ANYMORE.
AND SHE'S TAKEN A SHINE TO TOM

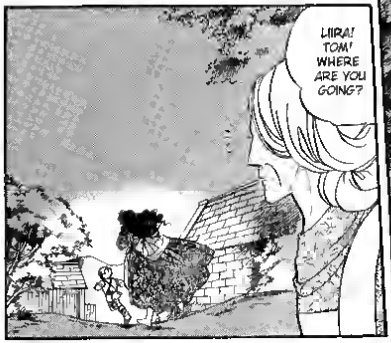
The castle of Paro is over there, where the moon is.
Princess Erminia!

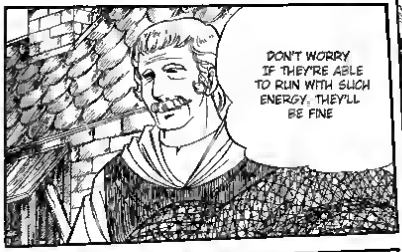
LOOK, FIONA... WHAT A MOONLIT NIGHT!
I WILL NEVER FORGET,
THE CARNIVAL THE MUSIC THE DANCING
Princess Erminia I wish I'd died that night..
Why am I still alive? Why did they have to go and rescue me when I threw myself in the river?

SIS!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, TOM?
I'M GONNA BE A KNIGHT OF FAROS!
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
ALL THE GUYS AT AMIMOTO'S HOUSE ARE SAYING
THAT THEY'RE GONNA FIGHT AGAINST CALOS, 'CAUSE FAROS FELL TO IT!
WE'RE GONNA PICK UP SWORDS AND BECOME KNIGHTS OF FAROS BEFORE THE CALOSIAN SOLDIERS GET TO THE MOUTH OF THE LIRA RIVER.

Paros fell!? To Calos...!?
Princess Erminia!!


WHAT ABOUT THE CASTLE? AND PRINCESS ERMINIA?
IS THAT TRUE, TOM?
TH- THEY SAID THAT THE KING DIED AND THE PRINCESS WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE
Ah! Princess Erminia is still alive!


LIIRA! TOM! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


DON'T WORRY IF THEY'RE ABLE TO RUN WITH SUCH ENERGY. THEY'LL BE FINE

SHE MUST HAVE HAD HER REASONS SHE WOULDN'T EVEN TELL US HER REAL NAME, AFTER ALL
EVER SINCE WE FOUND LIIRA AT THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TAKE MY EYES OFF HER FOR FEAR THAT SHE'D TRY TO KILL HERSELF AGAIN

COULD YOU SHOW ME WHERE EVERY-ONE IS, TOM?
I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE
OKAY!

Princess Erminia, after that horrible incident, I fell so deeply into despair that I threw myself into the river
Even after I was rescued, all I could think of was committing suicide.
But if what Tom said has really happened to you..
maybe it's that Yan spared my life so that I could save yours!

until I come to your aid.
Please be unharmed. Please, please remain unharmed

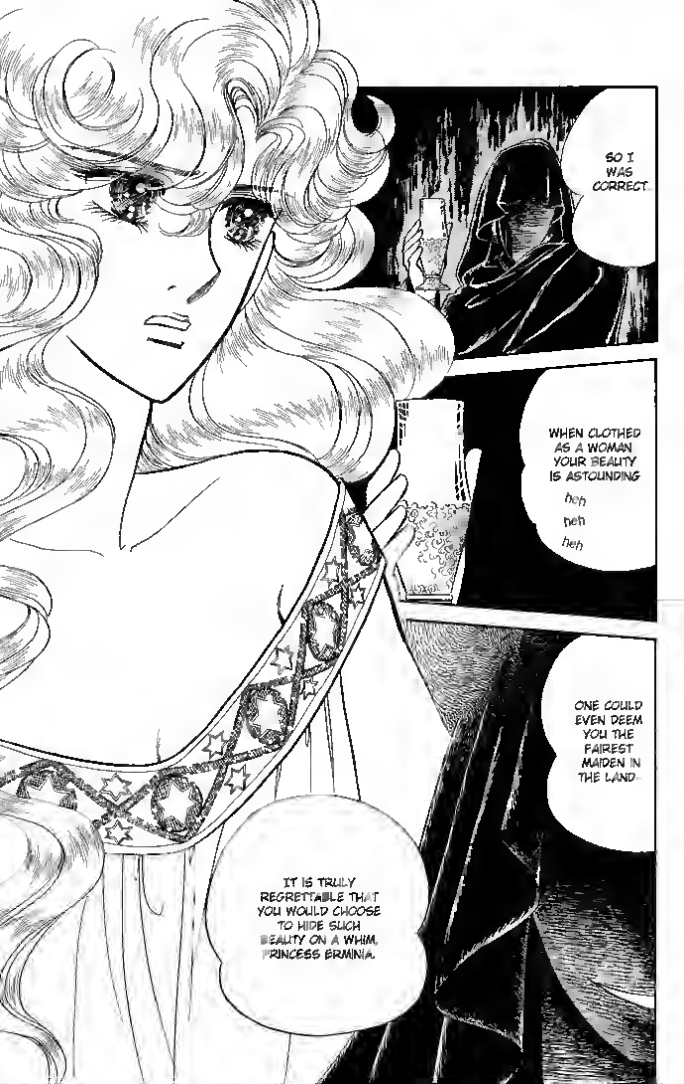
M...
MM...

It was frightful. Completely dreadful.. Father..
I HAD THE MOST TERRIBLE DREAM...
MMM...
IS THERE ANYONE HERE? BRING ME WATER, PLEASE
I'M PARCHED...

LIFT
How strange... What is this pain...?
HERE YOU ARE, PRINCESS ERMINIA PLEASE DRINK THIS...
heh heh

Wha's ...?
WHO ARE YOU!? COME INTO THE LIGHT!

WHERE AM I...? THIS ISN'T MY ROOM.
WHO ARE YOU...? WHY AM I...?

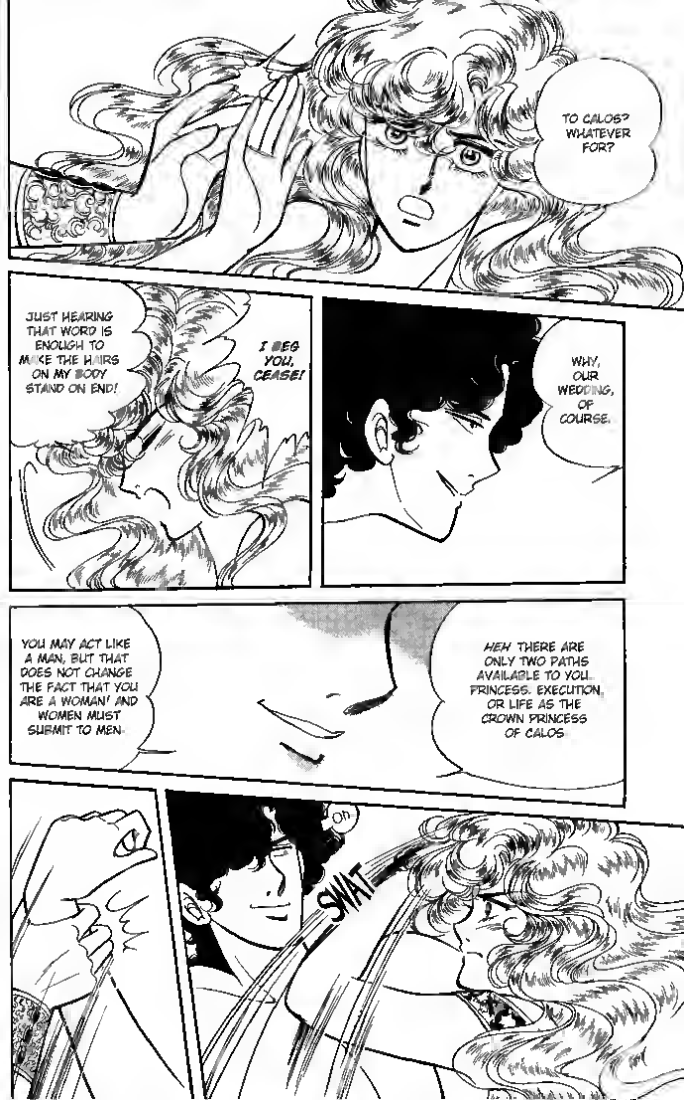

SO I WAS CORRECT.
WHEN CLOTHED AS A WOMAN YOUR BEAUTY IS ASTOUNDING
heh heh heh
ONE COULD EVEN DEEM YOU THE FAIREST MAIDEN IN THE LAND.
IT IS TRULY REGRETTABLE THAT YOU WOULD CHOOSE TO HIDE SUCH BEAUTY ON A WHIM, PRINCESS ERMINIA.

heh
heh
heh
HOW UNKIND OF YOU TO FORGET ME, PRINCESS.
WHO ARE YOU!?
I AM FAON, THE THIRD PRINCE OF CALOS YOUR HUSBAND
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO DO SO AGAIN

THE KING'S REMAINS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN A CASKET AND ENSHRINED IN WHAT WAS FORMERLY THE RECEPTION ROOM.
WHAT HAS BECOME OF MY FATHER?
ONCE THINGS IN PAROS HAVE SETTLED DOWN WE SHALL GIVE HIM A FUNERAL BEFITTING A FORMER RULER
CALOS HAS NO DESIRE TO STIR UP THE FEELINGS OF THE CITIZENS OF PAROS JUST AS THE COUNTRY HAS FINALLY COME INTO OUR HANDS

I CANNOT ALLOW THAT, PRINCESS
MAY I...
MAY I SEE MY FATHER?
YOU ARE A PRISONER OF THE CALOSIAN ARMY AND ARE GUILTY OF THE CRIME OF BRINGING ABOUT THE KING'S SUDDEN DEATH
WE ARE THE ONES WHO WILL DECIDE WHETHER YOU SHALL LIVE OR DIE
THE COUNTRY OF PAROS NO LONGER EXISTS IT IS NOW UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CALOSIAN ARMY

YOU ARE WELL-TRAINED.
VERY WELL... YOU MAY DO AS YOU PLEASE.
IT PAINS ME TO SEE YOU STRUGGLE SO.
YOU HAVE QUITE A FIRM CHARACTER, PRINCESS
WHEN YOU AWOKE AND DISCOVERED YOUR SITUATION YOU DID NOT CRY OUT IN FEAR, NOR DID YOU CAUSE A FUSS
I DON'T MIND STRONG WOMEN I SHALL TAME YOUR SHREWISH WAYS AT MY LEISURE WHEN WE RETURN TO CALOS


TO CALOS? WHATEVER FOR?
JUST HEARING THAT WORD IS ENOUGH TO MAKE THE HAIRS ON MY BODY STAND ON END!
I BEG YOU, CEASE!
WHY, OUR WEDDING, OF COURSE.
YOU MAY ACT LIKE A MAN, BUT THAT DOES NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE A WOMAN! AND WOMEN MUST SUBMIT TO MEN.
HEH THERE ARE ONLY TWO PATHS AVAILABLE TO YOU, PRINCESS. EXECUTION, OR LIFE AS THE CROWN PRINCESS OF CALOS
Oh
SWAT

YOU SHOULD SUBMIT NOW, WHILE I'M STILL BEING A GENTLEMAN ABOUT IT
WHY PERSIST IN THIS STUBBORNNESS? YOU *WILL* COME BACK TO CALOS WITH ME AND BECOME MY BRIDE
Ptoo
SMACK
ILLO

HEH HEH ...
WHAT IF I PROPOSED TO KILL YURIAS IF YOU DID NOT SUBMIT TO ME?
HEH, HEH. HEH DO YOU REJECT ME OUT OF FIDELITY TO COUNT YURIAS?
IF YOU INTEND TO KILL ME PROCEED! I HAVE NO DESIRE TO HEAR ABOUT NONSENSE SUCH AS MARRIAGE
WHAT IS IT YOU FIND AMUSING!?

I SHALL FOLLOW HIM SOON ENOUGH ONE MUST ONLY DIE ONCE YURIAS WILL GIVE HIS LIFE FOR ME
...I HAVE NO FIDELITY TO YURIAS YOU MAY DO AS YOU PLEASE...
HEH HEH... THE POOR FELLOW NOT ONLY HAS HE LOST HIS SIGHT, BUT HIS DEAR PRINCESS SPEAKS OF HIM IN SUCH DISPARAGING TONES...
Yurias's eyes have ...!?
Yurias has lost his sight!?

I SHALL MAKE YOU MINE
IF YURIAS IS NOT THE REASON FOR YOUR STUBBORNNESS
THERE IS ONLY ONE TASK I MUST COMPLETE
GRAB
DO NOT TOUCH ME WITH YOUR FILTHY HANDS!
I MUST RETURN TO CALOS BEFORE YOU TO MAKE THE PREPARATIONS FOR OUR WEDDING. BEFORE I LEAVE, I SHALL MAKE YOU MINE
THUD
DO NOT FORGET THAT I AM YOUR HUSBAND
BE QUIET!
UNHAND ME!

hen
hen
YOU CONTINUE TO PUT ON A BOLD FRONT
DO NOT TOUCH ME WITH YOUR FILTHY HANDS! DO NOT TOUCH ME WITH HANDS SULLIED WITH THE BLOOD OF PAROS!
THEIR HANDS SULLIED WITH BLOOD THEY MAKE CONQUESTS OF THE WOMEN OF THE COUNTRIES THEY HAVE DEFEATED.
MEN ARE SUCH CREATURES PRINCESS
YOU CAN NO LONGER RESIST. WILL YOU SHED TEARS NOW?

hmph
NO CHANCE!
PLEAD WITH ME MEEKLY. IS THAT NOT WHAT WOMEN DO?
I HAVE NO CHOICE NOW BUT TO USE FORCE TO MAKE YOU SUBMIT!
YOU HAVE NOT A DROP OF SWEETNESS WITHIN YOU!!
ST-
STOP!
FAON!
RIP
RIP

I SHALL CURE YOU OF THAT ILLNESS
ERMINIA – WHAT A PITY IT IS THAT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN HOLDS MEN IN SUCH DISDAIN.

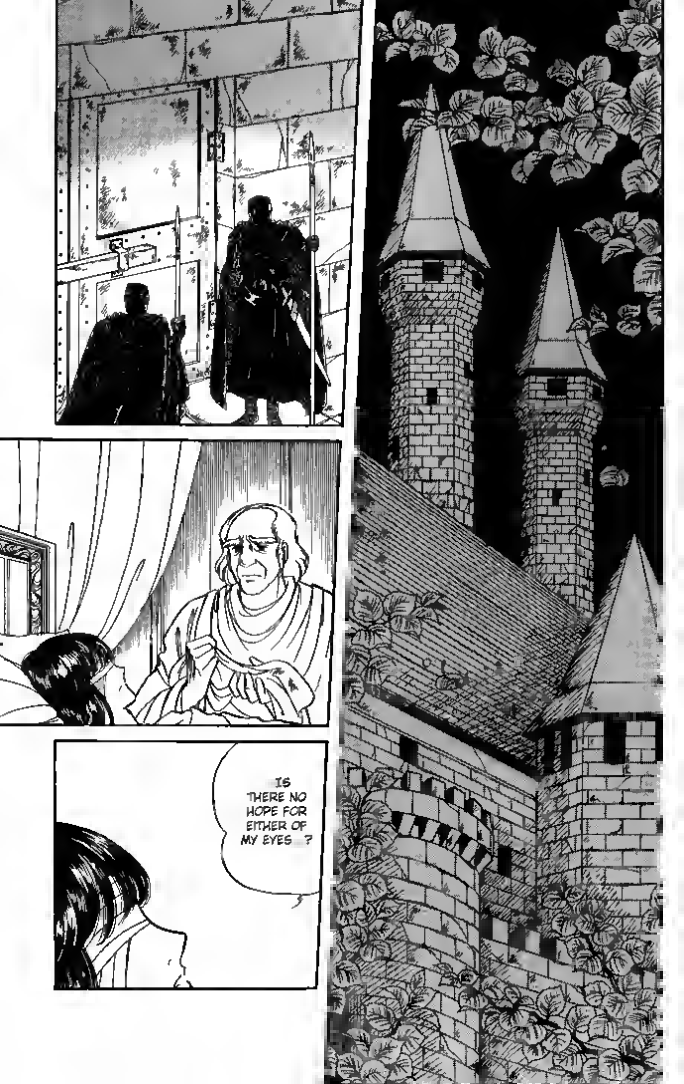
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, ERMINIA...
SHE WILL UNDERGO A SUDDEN CHANGE ONCE A MAN HAS HAD HIS WAY WITH HER
FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL, IT HAS BEEN THUS WHATEVER BRAZEN REMARKS A WOMAN ORIGINALLY MAKES.

SMACK
YOU HATE ME SO DEEPLY YOU WOULD ATTEMPT TO BITE OFF MY TONGUE!
SO YOU TRULY HATE ME, ERMINIA!

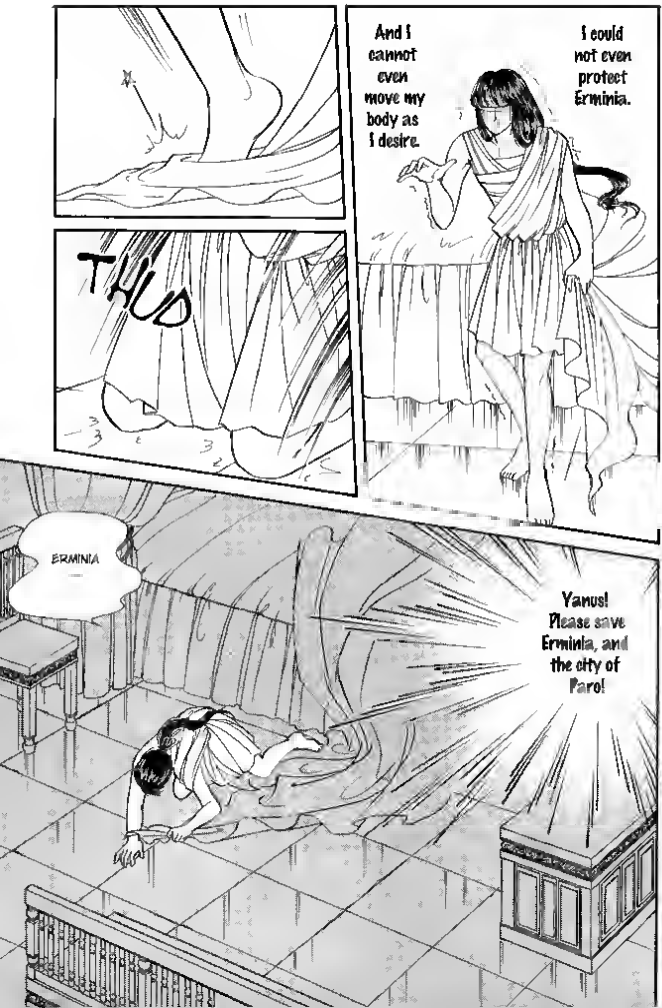
I WOULD RATHER BE BURNED ALIVE THAN ALLOW YOU TO RAPE ME
—I AM NOT SUCH A TERRIBLE MAN AS YOU MAKE ME OUT TO BE—
I SHALL WAIT UNTIL YOUR FEELINGS TOWARDS ME SOFTEN
WE SHALL HAVE TIME APLENTY TOGETHER IN CALOS AFTER ALL AS HUSBAND AND WIFE WE WILL BE SHARING A LIFETIME TOGETHER
RUSTLE

PRINCESS ERMINIA
WELL WE SHALL MEET AGAIN IN CALOS.
YOU TRULY LOATHE ME SO?

THE
YOU SHALL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOW HER TO DIE DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YOU SHALL MAKE SURE SHE ARRIVES SAFELY IN CALOS WHERE I SHALL BE AWAITING HER
WATCH OVER HER CAREFULLY. DO NOT ALLOW HER TO COMMIT SUICIDE!


IS THERE NO HOPE FOR EITHER OF MY EYES ?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU MUST BE SURE NOT TO REMOVE THE BANDAGES YET
WELL ... IF YOUR BANDAGES WERE TO BE REMOVED THERE WOULD BE NO HOPE AT ALL FOR WHAT REMAINS OF YOUR EYESIGHT...
How worthless this body is.
Yanus ...
VERY... VERY SURE NOT TO


I could not even protect Erminia.
And I cannot even move my body as I desire.
THUD
ERMINIA
Yanus! Please save Erminia, and the city of Paro!

WHO IS IT!?
BE SILENT, I BEG OF YOU!
WE MUST NOT ALERT THE GUARDS
THIS IS FIONA, SIR YURIAS HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME?
FIONA!
IT IS INDEED YOUR VOICE!
HOW COULD I FORGET YOU?
IT IS A MIRACLE YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE THUS FAR.

I KNOW THE REASON BEHIND YOUR DISAPPEARANCE, FIONA
I DID NOT SPEAK TO ERMINIA OF IT FOR FEAR OF WHAT SHE MIGHT ATTEMPT
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? AND WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO APPEAR NOW?
I SHALL TELL YOU ONE DAY...

I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED HELP FROM YOUTHS OUTSIDE THE CASTLE WHO HAVE SWORN THEIR LOYALTY TO THE CITY OF PARO
I HAVE ASKED THE HELP OF ONE OF THE CASTLE SERVANTS IN ORDER TO COME TO PRINCESS ERMINIA S AND YOUR AID

I SHALL SAFELY CONVEY PRINCESS ERMINIA TO MY MOTHER'S HOMELAND, THE DUCHY OF CALAVIA.
UNTIL THAT TASK IS COMPLETED PLEASE CONCENTRATE ON YOUR OWN RECUPERATION, SIR YURIAS.
I SNUCK INTO THE CASTLE BY POSING AS A FISHERMAN'S SON COME TO DELIVER FISH
THE TIMID, PETITE GIRL I REMEMBER?
FIONA ARE YOU TRULY FIONA?
MY GREATEST WISH IS TO GIVE MY LIFE FOR PRINCESS ERMINIA
FIONA...

THE NEXT WATCHMAN WILL SOON ARRIVE. I SHALL CONTACT YOU IN TWO OR THREE DAYS' TIME
PLEASE BE PATIENT FOR A WHILE LONGER, SIR YURIAS.
FIONA — BE CAREFUL
SHOULD YOU BE DISCOVERED, YOU WILL BE EXECUTED
MY TIME TO DIE IS NOT YET AT HAND

CHA-TTER
CHA-TTER
GRAND DUKE ALPHONSE, I AM ENTRUSTING YOU TO ENSURE THAT PRINCESS ERMINIA'S BRIDAL PROCESSION ARRIVES SAFELY IN CALOS.

heh heh
OF COURSE. AS THE NEXT RULER OF PARO, I SWEAR I SHALL DO SO
It is Erminia and I who will sit on the throne of Paro one day.
MM.
Hmph... He is a cunning man. Let him keep his position as the future king-- it is a mere formality.
MOVE OUT---!
TO CALOS---!

WE'VE ONLY JUST SUCCEEDED IN STABILIZING THE CITY OF FARO!

HMPH... FINALLY HE'S GONE
PREPARATIONS FOR HIS WEDDING? WHAT NERVE!

YOUR GRACE, WE HAVE APPREHENDED THE LEADER OF A GROUP OF YOUNG NOBLES HE WAS HIDING IN THE CELLAR

WE MUST RESTORE ORDER TO THE CITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
WHEN YOU FIND SOMEONE OF THAT NATURE KILL THEM ON SIGHT!

AND WE MUST HOLD MY CORONATION IMMEDIATELY.
mutter
mutter
AND HOLD A FUNERAL FOR THE PAST KING
mutter
mutter
WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS IN ORDER TO APPEASE THE PEOPLE
mutter

WE MUST DISPLAY GRAND DUKE ALPHONSE TO THE PUBLIC, THEN HOLD A MAGNIFICENT FUNERAL.
CHATTER
PERHAPS IT'S BEST TO HOLD THE FUNERAL AFTER THE CORONATION.
NO, THEN THE PEOPLE WILL BE DISSATISFIED.
AND WE MUSTN'T FORGET THE PREPARATIONS FOR PRINCESS ERMINIA'S BRIDAL PROCESSION.
CHATTER
THE CORONATION MUST BE THE MOST MAGNIFICENT, OR WE WILL LOSE FACE IN FRONT OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
BUT WE MUSTN'T MAKE LIGHT OF THE FORMER KING EITHER —
THERE'S TOO MUCH TO DO IT'S GIVING ME A HEADACHE
YOUR GRACE.
COUNT YURIAS HAS VANISHED!

YURIAS HAS...?
hmph
HE'S INJURED AND HAS LOST HIS EYESIGHT. FORGET ABOUT HIM!
I'M SICK OF BEING THE ACTING KING!
ONTO A MORE IMPORTANT MATTER. I HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD MY CORONATION AFTER ERMINIA'S BRIDAL PROCESSION IS SENT OFF.
I WANT TO BE KING RIGHT AWAY!
THE KING OF PAROS!

PRINCESS ERMINIA'S BRIDAL PROCESSION WILL DEPART TOMORROW MORNING...
ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IT HAVE BEEN MADE
YES.
THEN IT IS FINALLY TIME...

Princess Erminia, you are the prince I've loved since I was a child.
I shall consecrate this body to you a thousand times over.

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Do you believe in Magic?
To a young girl's heart...

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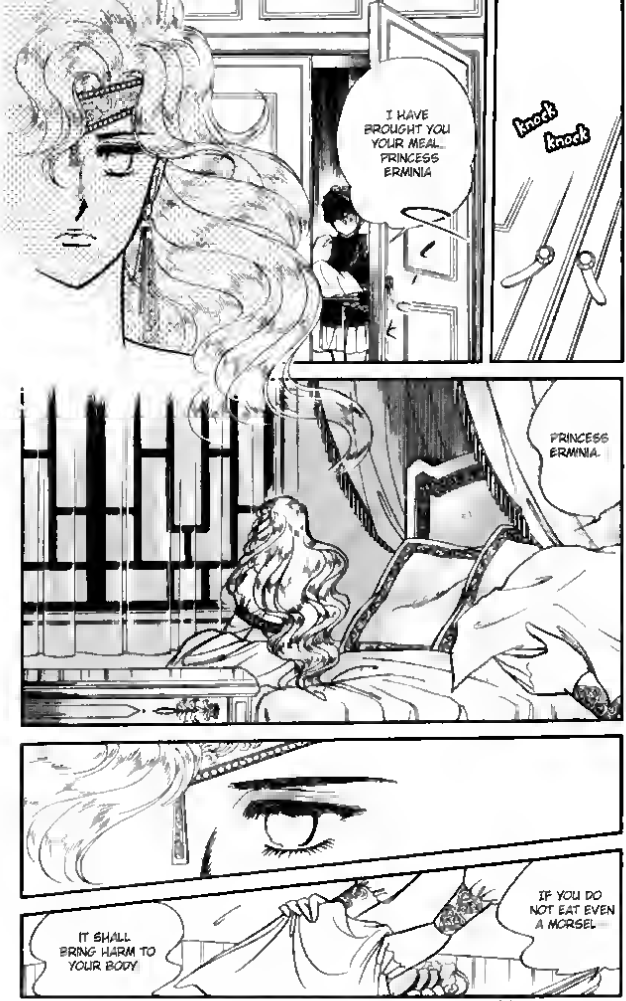
The next morning, Erminia's carriage departed with nary a send-off from the castle's inhabitants.
It was a lonely occasion, one would hardly imagine it to be the departure of the country's princess, bound for marriage in a neighboring country.
Even the guards of the convoy were silent. The noises of hoofbeats and the tracks left by the carriage wheels gradually distanced themselves from the castle... That was all.

It was as though Erminia did not see the Gemini constellation, under which she was born and raised,
nor the cities of Paros, nor the mountains she'd ridden over on horseback, nor the flow of the Liira river.
She didn't shed a single tear at the changing scenery visible through the thin curtains of the carriage.

WHAT IS IT?
PLEASE CONVEY THIS TO PRINCE PAON, CAPTAIN
THE LEGENDARY SWORD OF PAROS
THE PEOPLE WILL NOT RECOGNIZE ONE AS THE SOVEREIGN OF PAROS UNLESS ONE POSSESSES IT.
BE SURE IT ARRIVES IN CALOS SAFELY, ALONG WITH ERMINIA...
CAMP OUTSIDE PRINCESS ERMINIA'S LODGING AND GUARD HER! DON'T BE SLOPPY!
WE'LL BE STAYING IN THIS POST TOWN TONIGHT!


knock knock
I HAVE BROUGHT YOU YOUR MEAL... PRINCESS ERMINIA
PRINCESS ERMINIA...
IF YOU DO NOT EAT EVEN A MORSEL...
IT SHALL BRING HARM TO YOUR BODY

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PRINCESS ERMINIA
I BEG YOU.

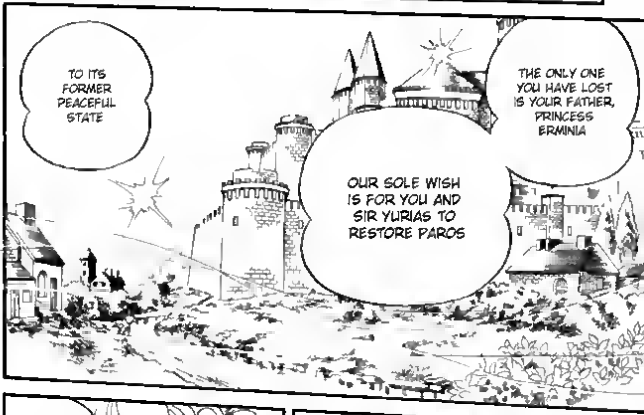
FIO
NA?
FIONA..!
PRINCESS
ERMINIA!

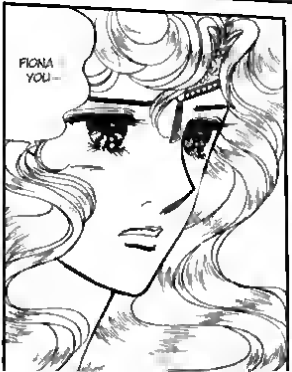
NO, IT IS I... IT IS YOUR FIONA, PRINCESS ERMINIA
IS IT TRULY YOU, FIONA...? OR DO I BUT DREAM...?
I— THOUGHT I HAD LOST EVERYTHING
FIONA— I—
Princess Erminia!

CLASPED AGAINST MY BREAST...
YOU ARE HERE IN MY ARMS...

FIONA ...?
PRINCESS ERMINIA
PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
THERE IS NO TIME.
WE?
I SWEAR WE SHALL COME RESCUE YOU TOMORROW NIGHT, WITHOUT FAIL.

SO YURIAS WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE!?
A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE PAROS.... FIRST AND FOREMOST SIR YURIAS, SHALL BE COMING TO YOUR AID. IT'S A FINE CHANCE FOR A COUNTERATTACK AGAINST CALOS

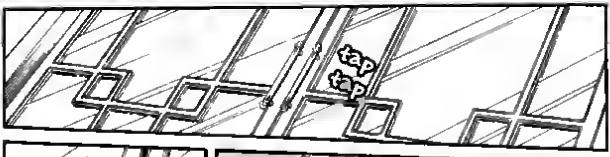

TO ITS FORMER PEACEFUL STATE
THE ONLY ONE YOU HAVE LOST IS YOUR FATHER, PRINCESS ERMINIA
OUR SOLE WISH IS FOR YOU AND SIR YURIAS TO RESTORE PAROS

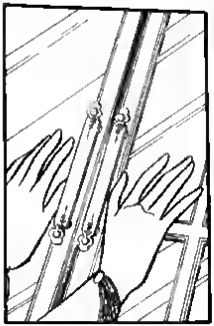

FIONA YOU--

WE WILL NOT ALLOW CALOS TO HAVE YOU WE *CERTAINLY* WILL NOT!
YOU ARE THE SOLE HOPE FOR THE COUNTRY OF PAROS

YOU SEEM A WHOLLY DIFFERENT PERSON... FROM BEFORE. THE FIONA OF BEFORE WAS TIMID. SHE WAS MY SWEET LITTLE FLOWER, AND WHEN I WAS WITH HER, I FELT AS THOUGH I WERE DREAMING
MANY THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS SINCE THAT TIME.
knock knock
HEY!
Y-YES I HAVE JUST NOW FINISHED MY DUTIES.
YOU'VE BEEN IN HERE TOO LONG, LITTLE GIRL! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

I am going to escape. I am certain of it.
Tomorrow night.
rattle
rattle





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PRINCESS ERMINIA
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?
PRINCESS ERMINIA, A HORSE AWAITS YOU IN THE THICKET.
PLEASE DON THIS CLOTHING AND RIDE DEAD SOUTH

AND YOU FIONA?
SIR YURIAS AND HIS PARTY AWAIT YOU ATOP A HILL. HE HAS FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ALL OF OUR PLANS
...I SHALL FOLLOW YOU SOON AFTER
YOU CAN SLIP AWAY FROM HERE TOGETHER WITH ME. CAN YOU NOT?
I SHALL HIDE UNDER THE BLANKETS UNTIL THE GUARD PERFORMS HIS CHECK, TO EARN US TIME.

FIONA
THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR WORRY
EVERY-THING SHALL GO AS PLAN-NED
AND THEN I SHALL FOLLOW YOU
ONE OF OUR PARTY HAS SECRETLY TAKEN THIS FROM THE CAPTAIN'S ROOM AND LEFT A SUBSTITUTE IN ITS PLACE
TAKE THIS, PRINCESS ERMINIA
I SHALL AWAIT YOUR CERTAIN ARRIVAL
BE CAREFUL, FIONA
WHEN YOU NEAR THE HILL, PLEASE PLACE THIS CLOTH AROUND YOUR SHOULDERS. THAT WILL BE THE SIGNAL TO SIR YURIAS
HURRY, THERE IS NOT A MOMENT TO SPARE.

... IF YOU DO NOT, I SHALL RETURN FOR YOU
YES... I WILL CERTAINLY BE COMING
I SHALL NEVER LEAVE YOUR SIDE.
I LOVE YOU, PRINCESS ERMINIA.
My heart and soul shall always be with you.
Yes... I shall love you until my dying breath.

You are my
one and
only prince.

I SHOULD BE
ABLE TO GIVE THEM
TWO OR THREE
DAYS' TIME.

I HAVE BROUGHT PRINCESS ERMINIA!
PRINCESS ERMINIA!
Y-YOUR MAJESTY! YOU ARE UNHARMED!
YURIAS...
ERMINIA HAS COME!?
WHERE IS SHE?
ERMINIA.

ERANIA...
YURI...S... WH... WH...T HAS BECOME OF YOU...?
OR PERHAPS IT IS I WHO HAS WEAKENED —?
YURIAS... HOW STRONG YOU HAVE BECOME, YURIAS...
ONE EYE IS ALL I REQUIRE TO FIGHT AGAINST CALOS...
PLEASE DO NOT WORRY YOURSELF OVER MY VISION. ONE OF MY EYES HAS BEEN DAMAGED BUT THE OTHER IS SIMPLY RECUPERATING...
NOW GO GIVE THANKS TO YOUR PEOPLE...
YOU ARE MERELY FATIGUED FROM YOUR LONG CONFINEMENT.

IN A TIME WHEN THE PITIFUL NOBLES AND CHIEF VASSALS HAVE SUBMITTED TO CALOS SINGING THE PRAISES OF OUR ENEMY NATION, YOUR LOYALTY HAS NOT WAVERED FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I THANK YOU.
I THANK YOU, YOUTHS OF PARO. I SHALL NEVER FORGET YOUR LOYALTY
.....
WE SHALL PLEDGE EVERY LAST DROP OF STRENGTH IN OUR BODIES TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CALOS!
WE ARE ALL CITIZENS OF PARO, AND THERE IS NOT ONE AMONG US WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO IS TRULY TO BLAME FOR THE DEATH OF OUR KING.
THE SWORD OF PAROS SHALL NO DOUBT ANSWER THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER I AM THE FINAL PRINCESS OF PARO, DESTINED TO SEND THE COUNTRY INTO RUIN, OR THE HERO OF PARO, DUE TO RESTORE OUR COUNTRY TO ITS FORMER STATE
SUCH GALLANT SOULS! DUE TO YOUR EFFORTS, THIS SWORD HAS RETURNED TO MY HANDS

O YAN! GRANT ME YOUR DIVINE MESSAGE!
ERMINIA ?
MAKE CLEAR MY TRUE NATURE AM I A MONSTER, SENT TO RUIN THIS COUNTRY OR AN ANGEL BOUND TO SAVE IT!?

HOW OMINOUS
YES, THUNDER?
HEY, DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?

O Yan...! Do you mock Erminia's fate!
The faint echo of thunder ...
O YAN! I, ERMINIA, FEAR NOT DEATH, NOR BATTLE!
I FEAR NOTHING!
I FEAR NO FATE!
ARE YOU AWAKE, ERMINIA?

IS SHE BACK YET?
OUR PRESENT PLAN IS TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE DUCHY OF CALAVIA...
WE SHALL DEPART AS SOON AS WE FINISH OUR REPAST
ERMINIA...
FIONA! WHERE IS SHE? SHE IS MY PETITE HERO I SHOULD LIKE TO TELL HER OF MY ADMIRATION FOR HER AND MY WORRY OVER HER...
FIONA... WILL NOT BE RETURNING
FIONA...

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BEFORE FAON DISCOVERS THE TRUTH...
...HER PLAN IS TO GIVE US AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE TO ESCAPE... AND TO TAKE HER OWN LIFE...
ERMINIA! LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!!
IMPOSSIBLE...! WHY EVER WOULD SHE...!?
I HAVE LOST MY FATHER MY COUNTRY... MY CASTLE AND MY VASSALS I HAVE LOST MY LOVE... AND YOU TELL ME TO LIVE ON, BECAUSE I AM THE PRINCESS OF PAROS...
...YOU ARE FORCING ME TO LIVE ON...?
OUR ONLY HOPE FOR THE REVIVAL OF PARO RESTS ON YOUR SHOULDERS!
SO I MUST LIVE ON NO MATTER WHO MUST BE SACRIFICED!?

I HAD THOUGHT... THAT YOU AND FIONA WERE THE TWO PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD THAT TRULY UNDERSTOOD ME.
IS THAT WHAT FIONA WISHED FOR AS WELL?
I HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED ALL MY LIFE AS A RESULT OF THAT ACCIDENT OF BIRTH.
...BY CHANCE. I WAS BORN TO THE KING OF FAROS.
.....
I HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST THAT FATE WITH ALL OF MY BEING. I HAVE SWORN OFF DRESSES, SPOKEN AS A MAN DOES, AND BRANDISHED A SWORD ON MANY AN OCCASION.
SIMPLY BECAUSE OF MY POSITION AS A PRINCESS, I AM FORCED TO MEET PRINCES FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHOM I'VE NEVER LAID EYES ON BEFORE IN ORDER TO BIRTH AN HEIR TO THE THRONE OF FAROS. I AM FORBIDDEN TO DECIDE MY OWN FATE.

I BELIEVED SHE LOVED ME SIMPLY FOR MYSELF.
FIONA WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW PAST THAT, WHO SAW PAST BOTH MY POSITION AND MY SEX
IT IS EXACTLY AS YOU HAVE SAID. IS IT NOT ERMINIA?
FIONA AND I BOTH LOVE YOU REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU MAY BE.
PERHAPS... IT WAS *BECAUSE* YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT THAT YOU LOVED FIONA.
I BELIEVE YOU TRULY LOVED HER, DISREGARDING HER LOWLY STATUS AND HER SEX.

WOULD BRING ME HAPPINESS?
COULD SHE TRULY HAVE THOUGHT THAT BECOMING THE RULER OF PAROS AT THE COST OF HER LIFE
YES! BEING WITH FIONA WAS MY HAPPINESS, MY DREAM.
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND, YURIAS...
WHY----? WHY---!?
SHE EVEN DECEIVED ME... SWORE TO ME THAT SHE WOULD SOON FOLLOW AFTER ME
WAS SHE REALLY SO IGNORANT OF WHAT LAY IN MY HEART!?
I CANNOT SPEND THE REST OF THE TIME ALLOTTED TO ME LIVING A LIE.
I WISH TO DISCARD THE MANTLE OF THE PRINCESS OF PAROS I AM YET YOUNG

PLEASE TAKE ME THERE... IT IS THE PLACE FIONA TOOK ME BEFORE SHE LEFT TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.
...ERMINIA, CAN YOU SEE A HILL COVERED IN FLOWERS?
SHE TOLD ME— THAT IT RESEMBLED THE PLACE YOU FIRST BROUGHT HER ON HORSEBACK.
FIONA TRULY IS THE GIRL YOU THOUGHT SHE WAS, THE GIRL YOU LOVE—
SHE TRIED TO TAKE HER OWN LIFE ONCE, SO THAT SHE WOULD NEVER HAVE TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU AGAIN.
THAT SHE IS SO MISUNDERSTOOD BY YOU— I HAVE THE DEEPEST OF PITY FOR HER.

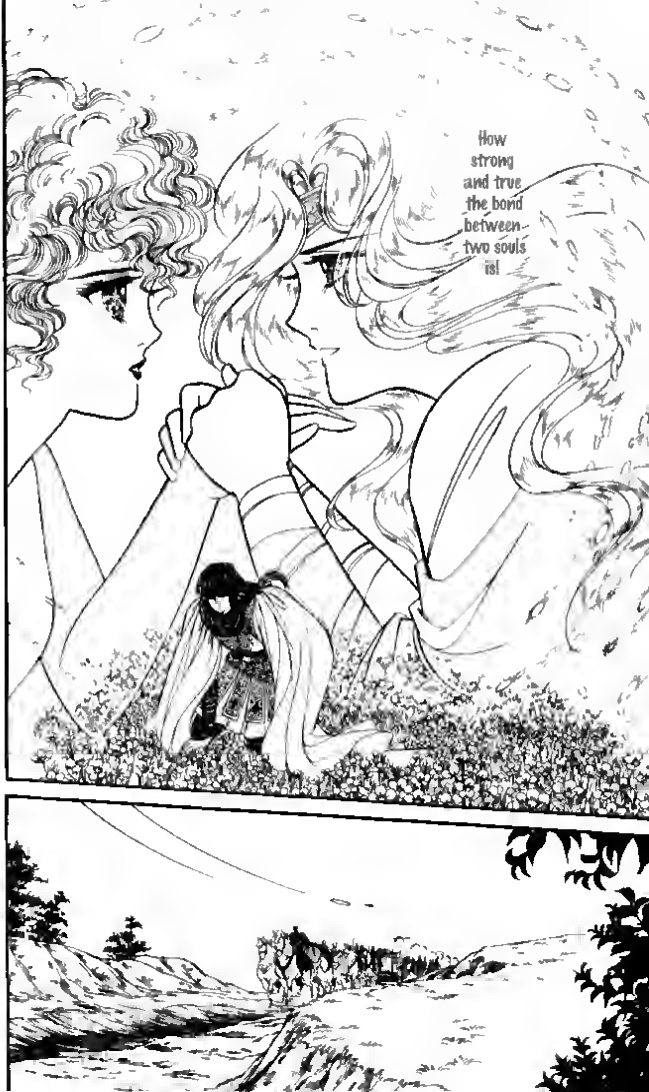
FIONA WAS GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE. SHE BELIEVES IT MAY BE THE WILL OF YAN THAT SHE DEVOTE THAT LIFE TO YOU. AND NOW THAT SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SEE YOU ONCE MORE, SHE CAN DIE WITH NO REGRETS.
FIONA DID THAT ...?
WHY...? WHY!?
SHE TRIED TO TAKE HER OWN LIFE...?
ERMINIA...
.....
SHE..... WAS SHAMED BY A GROUP OF CALOSIANS, SUBORDINATES OF DUKE ALPHONSE.
... FIONA... FORGIVE ME TO TELL YOU...
THEY DID IT IN ORDER TO DRIVE HER AWAY FROM YOU.

Fiona!
Fiona!
Meeting me brought her such terrible misfortune!
And yet, a smile upon her face, she plans to give her life for mine!

ERMINIA...?
ERMINIA... WHAT IS THE MATTER?
But let us seek our happiness together!
Fiona .. you believe this will bring you happiness ..
No under-handed tactics,
nor abominable legends, nor any nation, nor even Yan himself can break the bond between our souls!

ARE YOU THERE?
ERMINIA...
YURIAS...
I LOVE YOU YURIAS
IF I AM EVER REBORN INTO THIS WORLD, I SHALL BECOME YOUR WIFE...
ERMINIA...?
I SHALL BE BY YOUR SIDE, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SO DESIRE.

ERMINIA!
WE SHARE TWIN SOULS
I LOVE YOU.
PLEASE FORGIVE THIS LAST ACT OF SELFISH-NESS


How strong and true the bond between two souls is!

RATTLE
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WHO ARE YOU!?
RATTLE

FIONA!
Princess Ermmia!
COME!
My prince!

I... SHALL ACCOMPANY YOU.
WOULD YOU DIE WITH ME?
HERE I COME!

YOU'RE TOUGH!
SURROUND THEM! DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!
ERMINIA!
I WILL TAKE CARE OF THESE MEN!
TAKE FIONA AND GO!

YURIAS!
ERMINIA!

Even I myself could not stop in front of
Even death could not tear us apart!

Night fell upon the plains of Paro.
Darkness enveloped both pursuer and pursued.

No man knows what became of them after that night...
So is the saga of the Sword of Paros told.

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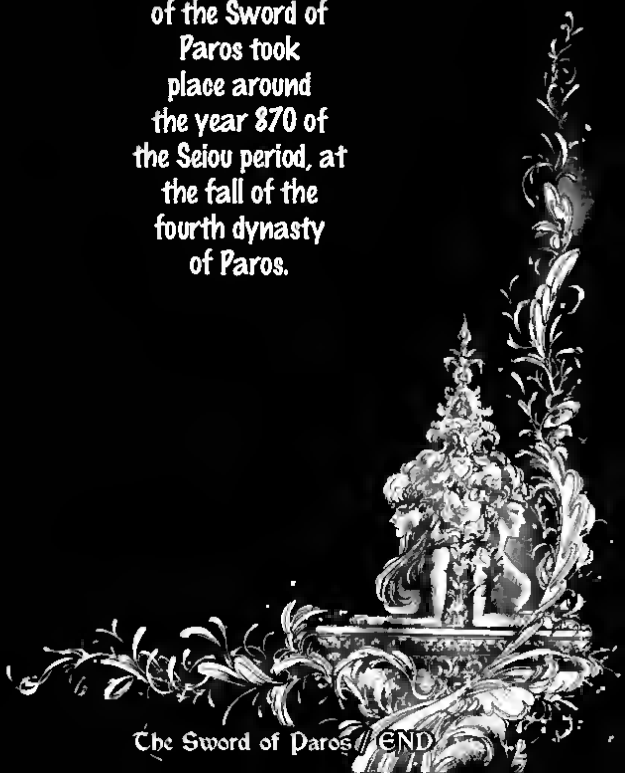

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